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In re the reissue application of

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For: ERROR PREVENTION METHOD FOR MULTIMEDIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified reissue application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

15. A method of protecting errors from occurring during decoding of a plurality of packets of given information, comprising the steps of:
- (a) decoding one of said plurality of packets;
 - (b) decoding another packet when an error occurs during said decoding in said step (a); and
 - (c) decoding a combination of said packets of said steps (a) and (b) or a third packet when an error occurs during said decoding in said step (b).

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16. A method of protecting from an error occurring during the decoding of a plurality of packets of given information, comprising:

- (a) decoding a first packet which is one of the plurality of packets; and
- (b) combining the first packet with two or more other packets of the plurality of packets when an error occurs in the decoding in (a).

17. An error protection apparatus for protecting errors from occurring during decoding of a plurality of packets of given information, comprising:

a buffer coupled to a transmission channel and storing packets received from a transmitter; and

a decoder unit which decodes one or more packets stored in the buffer, wherein in response to generating an error upon decoding a combination of the packets, said decoder unit decodes a second combination of packets stored in said buffer.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-14 are as they appear in U.S. Patent No. 5,954,839. Claims 15-17 have been added to further define the invention. Claim 15 is believed to be broader than claim 1, since, for example, claim 15 does not include the step d) of claim 1 of “repeating said step c) until no decoding error occurs.”

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this reissue application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local exchange listed below.

Please charge any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, except for the Issue Fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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